

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L ALEXANDRIA 0208

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINT, EG, IS, LE  
SUBJECT: LOCAL REACTION TO ISRAELI ATTACK ON LEBANON

1. ITITIAL SOUNDINGS INDICATE THAT ALEXANDRIANS ARE NOT RPT NOT  
UNDULY UPSET AT ISRAELI ATTACK ON SOUTHERN LEBANON. IN GENERAL  
PEOPLE FEEL PALESTINIANS HAVE HANDLED MATTERS RATHER BADLY AND  
THAT THE PLO SHOULD NOT HAVE UNDERTAKEN THE RAID ON ISRAEL THAT  
PRECIPITATED THE RETALIATION. THERE IS THUS SOME FEELING THAT  
PALESTINIAN LEADERSHIP BROUGHT THE ATTACK ON THEMSELVES.
2. THERE IS ALSO SOME RESENTMENT HERE AGAINST PALESTINIANS  
BECAUSE THE PALESTINIAN COMMANDO RAID APPEARED TO BE DESIGNED TO  
DISRUPT THE PEACE PROCESS, INITIATED BY EGYPT. ONE LOCAL REPORT  
IS THAT REJECTIONISTS ARE RUMORING THAT EGYPT FOMENTED THE  
ISRAELI REACTION TO THE PALESTINIAN RAID\*
3. ALEXANDRIANS STILL RETAIN A BASIC SYMPATHY FOR THE SUFFERING  
MASS OF PALESTINIANS (WHO BEAR THE BRUNT OF ISRAELI ATTACKS), AS  
DISTINGUISHED FROM THE 'FAT' PALESTINIAN LEADERSHIP THEY BELIEVE  
IS PROFITING FROM MIDEAST UNREST. HOWEVER, THIS SYMPATHY IS  
SOMEWHAT STRAINED UNDER THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. MCCLELLAND

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